MICHELLE CARWILE, 6, and Alan Carwile, 2 of Pamplin, won the titles of Little Miss and Tiny Master Photogenic for 1981 in Brookneal on Feb. 28. Michelle was also the first runner-up in the Valentine Pageant. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald A Carwile and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Carwile of Pamplin and Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Coleman of Gladstone.

Boat won't sink

The Pastor Speaks

By CARL H. PATTON

Your Boat Will Not Sink

In Mark 4:35-41 we have the story of Jesus calming the storm on the sea of Galilee. It is a very familiar story. The disciples are taking Jesus across the lake, he is sleeping in the boat, a storm comes up which threatens to swamp the ship. The disciples wake Jesus up, Jesus rebukes the wind and waves, the storm suddenly stops.

I have no question that this event happened to the disciples and Jesus. The same incident is recorded in Luke's Gospel. The question I have is this; "What are Mark and Luke wanting us to understand about Jesus? What is there in this story which can help me in living my life today?"

If I put an alagorical meaning to the story, I find some very helpful insights. 1) The Sea of Galilee; Life. 2) The boat and disciples; Christians. 3) Jesus sleeping in the boat; Jesus resident in the Christian's life.

No where in Scripture does Christ tell the disciples that they will live trouble-free, danger-free, worry-free lives once they had believed in Him. He told them rather, to expect trials, tribulations, problems, persecutions, rejections, Satanic attacts on their character, and constant temptations to sin. Jesus paints a picture of the Christian life as a life of struggle. He warns us to "count the cost before we begin." However, along with the warninge of a difficult life, He does promise that He will be in our lives, walking with us through the problems.

This is the message that I find in this passage, Jesus is wanting us to know that no matter how rough and hopeless life may appear, He, Jesus, is in the Christian life, and that life does not have to be swamped and sunk by circumstances.

Life as we experience it, is not easy. Loved ones die, marriages break up, jobs are lost, financial problems crash down upon us, alcohol and drug abuse plague not only our adults but also our teens and now our little children. We live in a world where honesty, integrity, and ethics are laughed at. We live in a world with birth defects, cancers, murders, and fatal accidents.

Life as we experience it is not easy, but with Jesus in that life we are assured that the life we live has resources we can draw upon in times of trouble. We, like the disciples, can go to Jesus and cry out, "Master, we perish! Save us!" When we do just that, Jesus will rise up, and by His word conquere the winds and waves which we fear. Our boat will not sink.

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The Bible and Daily Living: First things first

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
First-Things First
Lesson for March 15, 1981
Bible Study Passage: Matthew 22:15-32

Introduction

Life is a "smorgasbord" that commands we pick and choose. Setting priorities helps us to better manage our life and our time. Unless we set priorities we may easily become overextended and pulled in all directions. Such a style of living may cause us to become prime candidates for physical and/or emotional burnout.

In our lesson this week, Jesus talks frankly about making choices and setting priorities: He was a master at making first things first. He left us specific guidelines in making critical choices regarding our commitments to God.

God vs Uncle Sam [Matthew 22:15-22]

Jesus was quite often confronted by those political and religious groups who sought to entrap him. In their cunning ways, they tried to get him to admit to something that would label him as a traitor. But Jesus was always true to himself and to his heavenly Father.

One day some Pharisees sent their disciples to find out what Jesus thought about paying taxes to Ceasar. But Jesus, insightful man that he was, saw through their wickedness and called them hypocrites! Jesus never hedged in his dealings with people; he called a spade by its true color.

We must not mistake Jesus' answer to imply that submission to government takes priority over commitment to God. It is not a question of either or, that is, God vs. Uncle Sam. Christ did not compartmentalize life into sacred vs. secular. For him everything was overshadowed by the sovereign rule of God.

The Pharisees were not concerned whether taxes were lawful or not; they were more interested in whether paying taxes was against the Jewish teachings. The question raised by Jesus hits all of us. What belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God? The answer lies in acknowledging that we are to be responsible citizens within two kingdoms - the kingdom of earth and the kingdom of God.

Paying taxes is not the same thing as worship of Uncle Sam. God and country are hallmark beliefs in our American system, but what will be our choice if we are ever faced with the decision to choose God or country? There came in the world who are having to make that choice.

Questions on Resurrection [Matthew 22:23-32]

The Pharisees were persistent in their efforts to catch Jesus in a discretion. When they failed to entrap him on one point, they would try another avenue. In verses 23-32 the Saducees tried to deny any claims to Jesus' teachings on resurrection. This particular group did not believe in any afterlife and sought to disclaim anyone who suggested otherwise. The Saducees attempted to make Jesus and his teachings on resurrection look ridiculous. Jesus set them straight and pointed out that relationships in heaven will be somewhat different than they are here on earth.

Jesus' response amazed the people who listened to him. While the Saducees tried to trap Jesus with a question about marriages in heaven, Jesus pointed them to the Scripture they supposedly knew only too well. Jesus quoted the passage in Exodus where God says, "I am the God of Abraham . . . Isaac . . . and Jacob." Jesus then acknowledged his heavenly Father as the God of the living, not the dead.

Jesus' remarks raise certain uneasy questions in us. Will we know our loved ones in the afterlife? In no uncertain terms should we deduct from Jesus' words that love will not exist in the hereafter. Christ does not intend that human love be broken, only strengthened. In the world to come, love will take on holier qualities. Human love will be transfigured in the hereafter, not lost or made unrecognizable.

We will indeed know and recognize our loved ones. How could heaven possibly be heaven unless we know one another?

Dr. Trimyer is Chaplain at Burnham Hospital in Champaign, Illinois (WLYP).

On Gospel Music

Editor:

Amid the "Hustle Bustle" of our time, when we are faced with so much evil and seeming lack of concern, it is refreshing to know that the gospel is reaching more people than ever before.

One of the most effective ways of spreading the gospel is through music. Gospel music is the fastest growing segment of music today. It is becoming more popular than ever before. Just every few weeks we learn of a radio station that has changed its format to all gospel.

In addition to those that are all gospel, many stations are setting aside a portion of the day for gospel music. There are several gospel music publications such as the Singing News, which keeps one informed as to what is happening in the industry as well as where your favorite group is appearing. The publications also include the top 20 and 40 in various fields.

If you would like any information concerning gospel music, call WTTX-AM Inspirational Radio at 352-8353.

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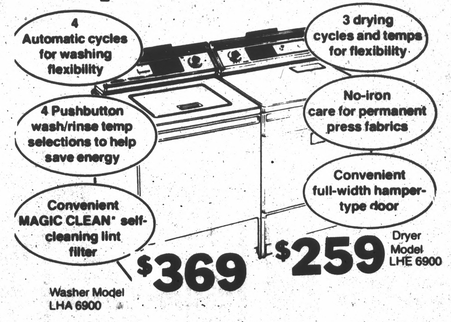

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Bull sales are concluded

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

Last Saturday confluded the performance bull sales at Red House for this year. There were 40 junior bulls and 24 females offered for sale.

The 7 polled herefords averaged $1121 with the top selling bringing $1725. The top selling angus bull fetched $1700. He was the highest performing angus bull ever tested in Virginia. The 18 angus bulls averaged $1657. Twenty-three bulls were sold for $38,675, averaging $1488.

The twenty-four heifers brought $17,275 for an average of $720. The 8 angus averaged $735 with a high sale of $1025. The 16 polled herefords averaged $712 with a $1000 as top price.

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Some fertilizer prices have made some rapid increases in the past 90 days.

At the Annual Dark Tobacco Meeting some interesting cost comparisons for tobacco fertilizers was made. Much of the soils that have grown tobacco for a number of years will test high to very high in phosphate. Assuming that phosphorus is not a limiting factor and you want for example 40 pounds of N and 120 pounds of K per acre, some dollars could be saved by considering the fertilizer analysis. These are 1980 bagged fertilizer prices, but the relationship is probably near the same this year. A 3-9-9 cost $155 per ton, it would take 1333 to provide 40 #W and 120 #K and cost $103 per acre. There were seven analyses considered; the aforementioned was most costly, while an 8-8-24 at $232 per ton required only 600 pounds per acre, costs just $58 per acre.

Don't go out and buy a high analysis tobacco fertilizer especially for dark tobacco without first having the soil tested. If you need relatively large amounts of phosphorus and don't use it-you are headed for trouble.

This is another tangible example of how soil testing can save you money or make you money.

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Fruit trees need a dormant spray. Use either lime-sulfur or superior oil.

Like any crop, trees and vines respond to fertilizer-use only a nitrogen fertilizer unless there is reason to do otherwise.

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Tobacco Associates meets March 20 in Raleigh, North Carolina. This organization plays an important role for tobacco producers.

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Tennessee research workers report on corn yields when swine manure is broadcast versus soil injection.

Injected manure at the rate of 150 pounds of N per acre produced a yield comparable to commercial nitrogen application, while broadcast manure returned only 80% of the yield.

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Dr. Tom Bibb, Extension Veterinarian, says that udder edema can be significantly reduced by eliminating free choice salt and calcium during the last three week of pregnancy. Alfalfa hay should also be avoided since it carries a high level of calcium. A low level corn silage ration during these last two to three weeks is all that is needed.

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This year was the first time that every dairyman on the Dairy Herd Improvement Program participated in the herdbook clinic. Congratulations!!

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The South 40

Cookies out

The Girl Scouts and Brownies of this area will be distributing the Girl Scout cookies for the next two weeks. Plenty of extra cookies were ordered; if you failed to get your order in, contact a Girl Scout or a Brownie.

Angel Powell

FBLA honors Powell

This person has been a member of FBLA for two years. She has participated in the money-making projects for both years. During February this member supervised and arranged all activities held during FBLA Week. She participated in Dress Right Day, Blue/Gold Day, and the Type-a-thon for the March of Dimes. Also, she was in charge of collecting the money during her business class from students who participated in the Type-a-thon. Member of the Month for February goes to Angel Powell.

AARP meeting changed

The Pamplin American Association of Retired Persons will change their meeting time to 12:15 noon on March 17. They will meet at the Pamplin United Methodist Church as usual and have a covered dish luncheon.

Hopefully all those who were not able to attend the evening meetings will be sure to come and enjoy the noon day meeting and the fine food.

There is no charge so come and get acquainted with the membership.

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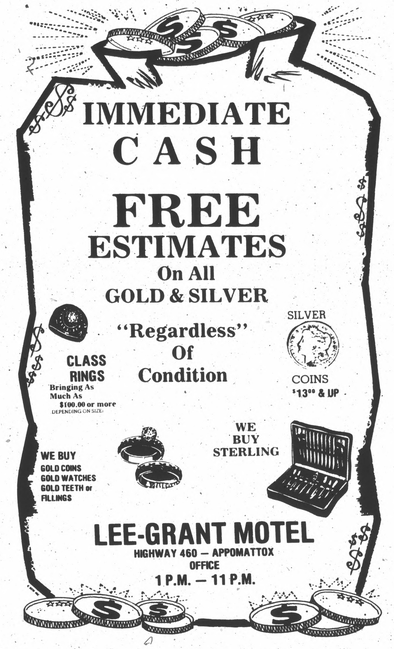

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